

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 22, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 19, 21-26, 28, 29, and 31-35 are pending in this application. Claims 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 31, 32 and 34 are amended above. Claims 1-18, 20, 27, 30 and 36 are cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 19, 24, 26, 28, 33 and 35 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over U.S. Patent Number 5,732,547 (hereinafter “Olsen”). The Examiner indicated that Claims 20-23, 25, 29-32 and 34 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the present claims.

1. Claims 19, 24 and 26:

Claims 19, 24 and 26 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Olsen. Claim 19 is amended above to include the additional recitation of original Claim 20, now cancelled. The Examiner indicated that original Claim 20 contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 19 is believed to be allowable over the cited art. Further, as claims 24 and 26 depend from Claim 19, these claims are also believed to be allowable over the cited art by virtue of their dependency. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of Claims 19, 24 and 26 under 35 USC 102(b) over Olsen be withdrawn.

2. Claims 28, 33 and 35:

Claims 28, 33 and 35 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over Olsen. Claim 28 is amended above to include the additional recitation of original Claim 30, now cancelled. The Examiner indicated that original Claim 30 contained allowable subject

matter. Accordingly, Claim 28 is believed to be allowable over the cited art. Further, as claims 33 and 35 depend from Claim 28, these claims are also believed to be allowable over the cited art by virtue of their dependency. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of Claims 28, 33 and 35 under 35 USC 102(b) over Olsen be withdrawn.

3. Claims 21-23, 25, 29, 31, 32 and 34:

The Examiner indicated that Claims 21-23, 25, 29, 31, 32 and 34 contained allowable subject matter. Claims 21-23, 25, 31, 32 and 34 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 29 depends from amended claim 28. Accordingly, Claims 21-23, 25, 29, 31, 32 and 34 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims, namely claims 19, 21-26, 28, 29, and 31-35, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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